

## THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat at Chicago and Northwestern Points Generally Lower.

LITTLE IMPROVEMENT IN LIVE STOCK.  
Trade Affected by Continued Bad Weather—Range of Leading Futures—Railroad and Mining Stocks.

**CHICAGO.** May 22.—The fact that the predicted severe frosts in Iowa and Wisconsin did not appear last night and the continued growth of the corn crop in the northwest has had a decided effect on the market today, which carried the price of the July option down 15¢ at the close, in comparison with the final figure yesterday. In addition to the weather conditions the receipts in the northwest were heavy and there were rumors that the amount of wheat reported taken yesterday at the seaboard for export was exaggerated. July option at \$10.60 against \$10.15 at the close yesterday. The market was quiet, with no change in the range of selling orders. Before the session was two hours old they were willing to sell at a cent below the opening figure. It looked very much as though the heavy buyers bought, and at New York were trying to scalp small profits out of the market, and meanwhile drive the general trade off on the short side of it. The trade, however, was unusually quiet and it was no work to drive the market below the opening. Receipts, 50 cars. Closing price, \$10.60; cash, \$10.15; July, 15¢; Aug., 10¢; Sept., 10¢; Oct., 10¢; Nov., 10¢; Dec., 10¢; WHISKY—\$1.15.

## KANSAS CITY MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 22.—WHEAT—Weaker; No. 2 hard, cash, 94¢; May, 94¢ bid; No. 3 red, cash, 95¢.

CORN—Lower; No. 2, cash and May, 40¢.

OATS—Lower; No. 2, cash, 43¢ asked; May, 42¢.

BUTTERMILK—\$0.15.

**DULUTH Wheat Market.**  
DULUTH, Minn., May 22.—Wheat was dull and closed 4¢ lower than yesterday and 15¢ below the opening. Receipts, 50 cars. Closing price, \$10.60; cash, \$10.15; July, 15¢; Aug., 10¢; Sept., 10¢; Oct., 10¢; Nov., 10¢; Dec., 10¢.

WHISKY—\$1.15.

MILWAUKEE Markets.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 22.—Wheat—Quiet; No. 2 spring, cash, 94¢; May, 94¢ bid; No. 3 red, cash, 95¢.

CORN—Lower; No. 2, cash and May, 40¢.

OATS—Lower; No. 2, cash, 43¢ asked; May, 42¢.

WHISKY—\$1.15.

TOLEDO Wheat Market.

TOLEDO, Ohio, May 22.—WHEAT—Lower; cash and May, 10¢.

CORN—Quiet; cash and May, 10¢.

OATS—Lower; No. 2, cash, 43¢ asked; May, 42¢.

WHISKY—\$1.15.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, May 22.—The stock market displayed unexpected activity and strength today and the result of the day's operations is to move almost everything materially higher to last evening. The interview with the German banker Herr Bleicherhoff, which he positively states that the importations of gold from America have been suspended, has given a new lease of life to the market. The market opened with a steady advance, the first hour being the most active, disclosing the nature of the trading at present and especially of the selling of the last few days. Rumors of all kinds were afoot, however, and one that the Bank of England had reduced its premium on American gold was especially influential in connection with the buying for export. This was followed by a temporary lull, after which the market again opened with an active and buoyant market was under today. A check was given to the upward movement in the first hour by the further arrival of the news of the suspension of imports, the traders were fighting the rise with all the vim in their power, they could do nothing more than to buy on a temporary basis. The upward movement. The market then appeared in the market as a buyer, and notwithstanding the adverse influences mentioned, another strong advance was made. The market carried prices up rapidly, the net advanced amounting to over 2 per cent in many of the stocks. The improvement was particularly well distributed among the leading stocks and while St. Paul maintained its lead in the matter of activity others were equally active. The market was a temporary basis. The life was given the industrial and both cotton and sugar rose with the rest of the market. The foreign again closing high. The market was again quiet, but secured a material gain as well.

The market again brought everything up to higher figures than have been attained in many days and while there was the usual resistance to the early advance of the day by the last hour to make the advance of the day a real success, the market was neutralized before the close of business, which was 10 minutes earlier than usual. The first prices were in almost all cases the lowest, and the last the highest. The final gains were 100 points or more, but the market was quiet, the total sales of all securities being only \$10,000,000, but a strong lead provided while only a few bids were material advances.

Government bonds have been dull and steady.

Stock bonds have been dull and steady.

Petroleum opened steady, and there was no change in prices throughout the day. Pennsylvania oil, at 85¢, was 10¢ higher than options quoted at 85¢. Total sales, 100 barrels.

The following are the closing quotations for the leading stocks on the New York stock exchange:

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, 100.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Louis, 100.

Columbus, 100.

Detroit, 100.

Fulton, 100.

Hannibal & St. Louis, 100.

Hartford, 100.

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